

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method for creating a place in collaboration space, comprising the steps of:

creating a first place; and

saving said first place as a place type template from which other places may be created in said collaboration space.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

responsive to a user selecting a create a collaboration space place action from a browser user interface, displaying a list of custom place types;

receiving from said user a name of a custom place type

6 from said list, together with a name for a new place,
7 user name and password; and

8 responsive to verification of said user as authorized
9 by user name and password, creating a new place from
10 said custom place type.

1 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

2 organizing said collaboration space according to an
3 object model selectively including place, room, folder,
4 page, member, form, field, place type, room type, skin,
5 and placebot objects.

1 4. The method of claim 3, said place type being
2 implemented as a directory within said room type.

1 5. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

2 manipulating functionality provided by said place type
3 template to customize said collaboration space by
4 integrating external technology.

1 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
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3 granting authority to an authorized user to access said
4 place type and create a new place from said place type;
5 and
6 responsive to a request from said authorized user,
7 modifying said new place.

1 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
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3 responsive to creation of said place type template from
4 said first place, using said place type template as a
5 custom place type for creating said other places having
6 the format, look and feel of said first place.

1 8. The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of:
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3 including membership, forms, placebots and skins
4 defining a collaboration space place within said place
5 type.

1 9. The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of:

2 responsive to a user what's new request, displaying at
3 said browser changes made to said place type.

1 10. The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of:

2 updating said other place created using said place type
3 when said place type is modified.

1 11. A method for creating a place in collaboration space,
2 comprising the steps of:

3 creating a first place;

4 saving said first place as a place type template from
5 which other places may be created in said collaboration
6 space; and

7 responsive to place manager selection:

8 selectively preventing changes to look and feel of said
9 other place by not presenting decorate options in said
10 place type;

11 selectively displaying a description of said place
12 type;

13 creating said new place from said place type template;

14 displaying source information for said place type
15 template, including name and address of collaboration
16 space place on which said place type is based;

17 selectively hide or redisplay names and descriptions of
18 place types in said list of available place types;

19 selectively update new places created using said place
20 type when said place type changes; and

21 selectively copying said place type from a server on
22 which said place type was created to another server.

1 12. A collaboration space system comprising:

2 a first place;

3 a place type template created from said first place

4 creating other places within said collaboration space.

1 13. The system of claim 12, said collaboration space being

2 organized according to an object model selectively including

3 place, room, folder, page, member, form, field, place type,

4 room type, skin, and placebot objects.

1 14. The system of claim 12, further comprising:

2 a browser for manipulating functionality provided by

3 said place type template.

1 15. The system of claim 13, further comprising:

2 a browser for manipulating functionality provided by

3 said place type template to customize said

4 collaboration space by integrating external technology.

1 16. The system of claim 13, said place type template being
2 a directory containing all rooms comprising said place type
3 template.

1 17. The system of claim 16, said place type template
2 including membership, forms, placebots and skins.

1 18. A program storage device readable by a machine,
2 tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a
3 machine to perform method steps for creating a place in
4 collaboration space, said method steps comprising:

5 creating a first place; and

6 saving said first place as a place type template from
7 which other places may be created in said collaboration
8 space.

1 19. The program storage device of claim 18, said method
2 steps further comprising:

3 responsive to a user selecting a create a collaboration

4 space place action from a browser user interface,
5 displaying a list of custom place types;

6 receiving from said user a name of a custom place type
7 from said list, together with a name for a new place,
8 user name and password; and

9 responsive to verification of said user as authorized
10 by user name and password, creating a new place from
11 said custom place type.

1 20. A computer program product or computer program element
2 for creating a place in collaboration space by creating a
3 first place; and saving said first place as a place type
4 template from which other places may be created in said
5 collaboration space.